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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Attorney General Lynch and Chairman Wheeler:

As members of the committee of jurisdiction for the Federal Communications Commission, we have been closely following the proposed transactions between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks, and believe that its approval will result in significant benefits to the public and our economy.

Charter Communications' record of investing in its infrastructure and technology and its commitment to growing its American workforce while investing in its employees are important considerations that should not be taken for granted. All of us represent congressional districts where more jobs would be welcomed. The people we represent are as diverse as the geography itself; however, a common-theme we all hear when back home is that Washington needs to do more to promote job creation and less to interfere with companies willing to invest.

Since 2012, Charter Communications has created over 7,000 new jobs, a 43 percent increase in its workforce. These jobs are largely the result of Charter Communication's practice of bringing jobs once overseas back to the United States. We have every reason to expect that the creation of New Charter will create an additional 20,000 jobs in communities like ours. Job creation is our priority, and these jobs are important and needed in our communities.

Additionally, in a little over three years Charter has invested over \$5.7 billion in private capital towards its infrastructure and technology. These investments have allowed Charter to quadruple its broadband speeds and offer cutting-edge services to more communities. Like jobs, getting broadband into more communities is important to us, too. That is why Charter's commitment to expand its network by one million line extensions and to provide high-speed service to homes in rural, and other underserved areas within the New Charter footprint, is important progress for communities like ours.

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For these reasons and others, we support the swift approval of the transaction between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks. We know consumers across the country will benefit.

Very respectfully,



Pete Olson
Member of Congress



Chris Collins
Member of Congress



Billy Long
Member of Congress



Renee Ellmers
Member of Congress



Bill Flores
Member of Congress



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OFFICE OF
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April 19, 2016

The Honorable Chris Collins
U.S. House of Representatives
1117 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Collins:

Thank you for your letter regarding Charter Communications' proposed merger with Time Warner Cable and acquisition of Advance/Newhouse Partnership, the parent of Bright House Networks. I appreciate hearing your views.

Consistent with our rules, the Commission will evaluate whether these proposed transactions are in the public interest. Our analysis on any transaction is always robust and takes several factors into account, including the issues you raise in your letter. Not only do we assess whether we can appropriately remedy any harms that may arise from the transaction, we also place great emphasis on the benefits that the transaction will confer on American consumers. While I am unable to discuss the merits of this particular proceeding, I can assure you that the Commission is conducting an open and transparent process as required by FCC rules and regulations. After developing a full and complete record, we hope to conclude our review as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. Your letter will be made part of the official record of the proceeding.

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The Honorable Renee Ellmers
U.S. House of Representatives
1210 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
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